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The State sanitary council to whom this decree is made known will appoint from its own and from concurrent members, district committees for inspection and investigation of everything that relates to the hygienic state of wells and tanks, for the purpose that when the said committees shall find fault or omission they shall inform the authorities through the sanitary council for the application of the respective remedy.

NORWAY.

Quarantine proclamation.

The following is received from Consul-General Bordewich, at Christiania, under date of January 20, 1903:

Proclamation from the Royal Norwegian Government's department of justice and police.

A royal proclamation was made on the 16th instant as follows: It is hereby ordered, in compliance with section 2 in law of July 12, 1848, relating to quarantine, that the ports in Chile and New Caledonia, which by proclamation of July 21 and October 17, 1903, were declared infected with the Oriental plague, shall no longer be considered so infected.

With which all concerned respectfully have to comply.

Which is hereby brought to public notice, while it must be remembered that according to prior proclamations of February 1, 1897; June 27 and August 22, 1899; May 23, 1900; February 28, 1901; March 20, May 22, June 16, and December 1, 1902; also March 24, May 29, July 21, and October 17, 1903; Arabia; Persia; India; Hanoi in Tonkin, China; Yokohama, in Japan; Manila; Formosa; Egypt; Madagascar; Reunion Islands, and Mauritius; the cities of Durban, Port Elizabeth, and East London, in South Africa; also the cities of Porte Alegre and Paranagua, Rio de Janeiro, Compos, Victoria, and Rio Grande, in Brazil, shall until further notice be considered infected with the Oriental plague.

F. HAGERUP.
GEORG JOHANNESSEN.

CHRISTIANIA, *January 19, 1904.*

PANAMA.

Report from Panama—Mortality in January, 1904.

Assistant Surgeon Pierce reports, January 25, 30, and February 1, as follows:

During the week ended January 31, 1904, there were in the city of Panama 15 deaths from all causes, none of them being from quarantinable diseases.

One vessel, the steamer *City of Panama*, bound for San Francisco via Mexican and Central American ports, was inspected and cleared, having on board a crew of 60 officers and men, 38 cabin passengers, and 23 steerage passengers; total, 121; all in good health.